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In RE application of S. SUZUKI et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2187

For: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING STORAGE DEVICE CONTROLLER, STORAGE DEVICE CONTROLLER AND PROGRAM

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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